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## Stanislaus PRIDE Center

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### e-PRIDE weekly

e-Pw brings you a glimpse of events near and far, from around your neighborhood to around our world. Current events, arts and entertainment information is sent to our constituents, friends and supporters; it's another service of the Stanislaus PRIDE Center.

#### Modesto/Stanislaus

*Lesbian social group "foodies" to gather again*

The first Saturday night of the month is approaching in about a week. And that means the lesbian social group "foodies" will gather again for a potluck party at the SPC.

The theme for the October gathering is "international food". That includes everything from tacos to baklava, pasta to hummus, and any other seemingly mismatched variety of foods in between. Social organizer Tery Powers says a discussion on "how the Central Valley is changing for LGBTs" will take place there too.

This particular social group is welcome all who identify as lesbian. Held at the SPC, the group provides a forum for socialization and sharing of good food. It also creates an opportunity to network, however it is requested that business networking activities take place afterward.

As Tery says, "Come see your old friends, make some new ones and enjoy yourself." The upcoming lesbian potluck social is on October 6th at 7:00 PM at the SPC, 823 15th Street, downtown Modesto.

#### Central Valley

*GVC's IDEAL 2008 applications now available*

Applications for the Great Valley Center's (GVC) 2008 Institute for the Development of Emerging Area Leaders (IDEAL) program are now available. The GVC's IDEAL program helps create strong leaders for tomorrow by fostering their growth today.

#### Stanislaus PRIDE Day 2007

*Don't tell MAMA! Rather, do! And vote for MAMA Award nominee 'Stanislaus PRIDE Day 2007'*

The SPC's **Stanislaus PRIDE Day 2007** is a nominee in the 'Best Small Event' category with the eighth annual MAMA Awards, put on by the [Modesto Area Music Association \(MAMA\)](#).

No less than three performers from Stanislaus PRIDE Day 2007 are nominated in another category, 'Best Alternative/Indie group': **Addaline, Moon Trent and Peech**.

The winners of this year's awards will be announced at the MAMA's annual awards show, which will be held on October 16th at the Gallo Center for the Arts.

Separately, the Stanislaus PRIDE 2008 committee is looking for leaders to join them in making *next* year's pride celebration even bigger and better than the one held this past summer.

A Stanislaus PRIDE 2008 open house will be held the afternoon of Sunday, October 21st. More on that in next week's *e-PRIDE weekly*.

#### **But now, vote Stanislaus PRIDE Day 2007 'Best Small Event'; voting ends Oct. 14th.**

#### **New York**

*Stranger things have been said. Or have they?*

Iranian President [Mahmoud Ahmadinejad](#) spoke at a forum hosted by Columbia University in New York this week. Amongst an array of seemingly bizarre statements made by the Iranian leader,

Targeted emerging leaders are those from underrepresented and rural communities. The selected join a class of twenty or more Fellows, and participate in a series of two or three day weekend seminars with other program participants from throughout the Central Valley. The seminars will run from January through June of 2008.

Applications to participate in the '08 program are due October 5th. Manuel Alvarado can be contacted for more information about the program at [manuel@greatvalley.org](mailto:manuel@greatvalley.org).

[You can apply now for the Great Valley Center's IDEAL program online here...](#)

few were less true than this one, which earned him laughs from the audience...

**"In Iran we don't have homosexuals like you do in your country. We do not have this phenomenon. I don't know who's told you that we have it."**

Ahmadinejad's visit to the campus was marked by protests from demonstrators that cut across political and social lines. Gay activists were on hand, holding posters of what is widely believed to be a picture of two gay men being executed in Iran. Their crime? Participating in homosexual activities. Maybe knowing his government murders homosexuals is why Ahmadinejad believes there are none in Iran.

[See how rough life can be in Iran for the GLBT...](#)

The SPC facility is open Wednesday through Saturday from 3:00 PM until 7:00 PM.

The mission of the Stanislaus PRIDE Center is to provide resources to strengthen and support gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender persons in Stanislaus and surrounding counties."

The SPC has three areas of focus: Culture and Community; Education and Information; Health and Wellness. PRIDE stands for "People Respecting Individuality, Diversity and Education".

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